

OCT 10 2007

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

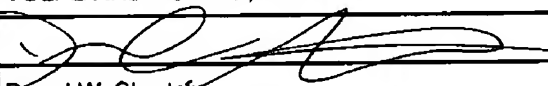
Approved for use through 07/31/2008.

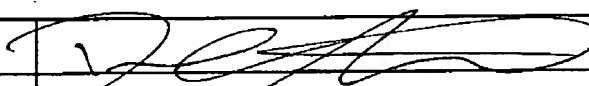
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/714,696
	Filing Date	November 17, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Beecroft et al.
	Art Unit	2157
	Examiner Name	Ramy M. Osman
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	SHP-PT079

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): Communication (8 pages).
OFFICIAL FACSIMILE 9 PAGES SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 571-273-8300. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY DELIVER TO EXAMINER Ramy M. Osman, GROUP ART UNIT 2157.		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Name	VOLPE AND KOENIG, P.C.		
Signature			
Printed name	Darryl W. Shorter		
Date	October 10, 2007	Reg. No.	47,942

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent Via Facsimile (571-273-8300) addressed to: Examiner Ramy M. Osman, Group Art Unit 2157, on the date shown below:			
Signature			
Typed or printed name	Darryl W. Shorter	Date	October 10, 2007

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 10 2007

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Beecroft et al.

Application No.: 10/714,696**Confirmation No.:** 5388**Filed:** November 17, 2003**For:** COMMAND SCHEDULING IN
COMPUTER NETWORKS**Group:** 2157**Examiner:** Ramy M. Osman**Our File:** SHP-PT079**Date:** October 10, 2007

COMMUNICATION

Sir:

Thank you for granting the undersigned a telephone interview to discuss this application in more detail. Below are a listing of claims for your convenience and information relating to the present application and the references cited in the outstanding Office Action.

This Communication is for purposes of today's telephone interview only.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A computer network comprising: - at least two processing nodes each having a processor on which one or more user processes are executed and a respective network interface; and a switching network which operatively connects the at least two processing nodes together, each network interface including a command processor and a memory wherein the command processor of said network